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Committee on Educational Investigation directs the work of the Chapter in organized and co-operative research. At present this Committee is at work on the problem of what should constitute the professional training which a young man aspiring to educational administration should receive.

The programs or discussions at the regular monthly meetings of the Chapter all bear on one central theme. The central thought of this semester's work is "The Teacher's Opportunities for Service Outside the Class-room." Next semester the subject will be "How the Teacher May Intelligently Study His Own Problems Within the Class-room." The gist of all discussions is included in

the monthly news-letter for the benefit of members who cannot attend. (Some of the Associate members live more than 500 miles from San Francisco.) At the end of the year, if finances permit, it is planned to issue a Yearbook covering the work of the year which is of real educational significance.

The Secretary of this Chapter will be glad to communicate with any of the Brothers anywhere in the United States concerning the work of the Chapter, and copies of the Constitution or News Letters may be had on application. Address Wilford E. Talbert, 1807 Francisco St., Berkeley, Cal.

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Indiana

At the Indiana State Teacher's Association held in Indianapolis, October 28, 29, 30, 1915, Phi Delta Kappa held a meeting, the program of which appeared on the program of the State Teachers' Association.

The meeting was on Thursday, October 28th, at 9 A. M., in the Teachers' Room of Shortridge High School. Dr. J. W. Todd, Professor of Educational Psychology in Indiana University, read a very inspiring paper on "Modern Educational Research" in which he advocated that more emphasis be placed on the research side of Phi Delta Kappa. The basis for his statement, he derived from a consideration of the history of education, which is the story of a great many workers and thinkers who were pioneers because they had the spirit of investigation and research.

Supt. Lewis R. Hoover, of the Orleans, Indiana, Schools, gave a very interesting account of his results in psychologically analyzing the Simon-Binet tests. He has used his analysis to detect the exact defects or superior merits of abnormal students. Mr. Hoover's study can well be considered an important step to the superintendent who uses the Simon-Binet tests.

In a very short talk following the two mentioned, Mr. Lloyd H. Ziegler, President of the Indiana Chapter, gave a resume of the research that is being done in educational or allied fields in Indiana University. Following the talks the men entered into a lively discussion of things brought up during the program. A few statements were made by some of the older members present regarding our news letter and the action of the National Council. There seemed to be among all the members the opinion that the last National Council has done much for the good of all chapters. Before adjourning, a vote of thanks was extended to those who gave the program and to those who were influential in bringing it about.

At 12:30 P. M. Thursday, the men met in the Forentine Room of the Claypool Hotel for luncheon. Twenty-two members were present. After the luncheon a few minutes were given to short talks from the older members, who declared the program and luncheon to be the realization of a long-hoped-for ideal, and expressed themselves as greatly in favor of making such a program an annual affair for the Chapter.

The Alpha Chapter calls this its first

great home-coming and it has been so successful that its continuance is greatly probable. We met and exchanged ideas, boosted the idea of doing something in the way of research, and we are sure that other chapters may find a similar course highly valuable. May the time come when we can have a great National "home-coming."

To date all meetings within our chapter have been business meetings in which the following things have been considered:

1. The formation of a new set of by-laws for the chapter.

2. The arrangement of a schedule of future meetings in which business and program meetings alternate.

3. The discussion of the proceedings of the National Council.

The outlook for the Alpha Chapter is the brightest ever. Our active men are engaged in original investigations and many of our associate members are among Indiana's prominent school men. Our most recent member is Mr. H. L. Smith who was recently elected to honorary membership. Mr. Smith is now assistant Superintendent of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Schools.

Minnesota

We have instituted this year at Minnesota what we call the "Book of Traditions." Whenever the chapter or any of its members expresses himself upon some general question of local or national importance the secretary of the chapter or the member, is asked to write a summary of his views in the book provided, and sign the article. As this book is preserved from year to year it will constitute an ever-accumulating store of Phi Delta Kappa opinions, policies and beliefs—traditions, if you will—which will be handed down from one generation of brothers to the next. It is hoped that this simple method of preserving in a permanent form a record of the stand taken by the chapter and its members upon general questions will help to bridge the gap between succeeding generations of students.

This brings up another question, one on which the policy of Minnesota Chapter has not been definitely settled for the year, namely what shall be the policy in regard to admitting juniors? We would like to bar juniors here at Minnesota if there were any way of holding the fraternity together from year to year and of having at hand men who are sufficiently familiar with Phi Delta Kappa ideals and practices to assume leadership of its affairs. As we see it now, we must admit enough juniors during the

first half of their junior year to provide leaders for the succeeding year. This number should be limited to two or three of the men highest in scholarship and character. Further, these men should be given every opportunity to become acquainted with the different aspects of the organization and its work, and with the fact that in all probability one of them will be selected to head the local chapter for the succeeding year. Then, the following spring, enough more men should be elected to furnish a working basis for the fraternity.

Although Minnesota has been unfortunate in the fact that she has lost a number of her foremost faculty members this year, she has cause to rejoice in the presence of such an actively enthusiastic supporter of Phi Delta Kappa as Dr. Lotus D. Coffman. Dr. Coffman, new dean of the college of Education, has a wealth of Phi Delta Kappa experience, dating from the time that he was instrumental in sending Dr. Jessup from Columbia to the amalgamation meeting in 1910. The brothers at Minnesota are not only attempting to justify the active interest which Dr. Coffman has shown in the local chapter, but we are heartily in sympathy with the reorganization which has been begun in our college, and are attempting to cooperate with the new administration.